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PRESENT THE NEW ZEALAND CONNECTION

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## EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of *The Kiwi* for 22 years not to appear under the name of Allan P. Berry as the Editor. My renewed thanks to him for that long and highly successful period of duty. I hope there will be room soon for a proper appreciation of his Editorship.

In spite of his editorial in the last issue and my letter enclosed with that issue, we are still without a new permanent Editor. I have to say that I find this extremely disappointing and unsatisfactory.

The present issue is a corporate effort by members of the Committee, and those involved are to be congratulated on their determination to see our journal continue. This cannot happen long term without someone at the helm - a serious publication of this nature will never be the success it deserves to be if it is produced by Committee!

If the member who sees this as an opportunity to make his mark in the Society is put off by lack of word processing machinery, I should be prepared to ask the committee, if the need arose, to consider acquiring suitable equipment to be owned by the Society but in the keeping of the Editor. Remember also that where you live is not important - editing can be done from anywhere.

On a final practical point, Allan is still willing to receive copy for future issues, so all the items should be sent to him in the usual way.

A Happy and Successful New Year to you all.

ALAN BAKER, CHAIRMAN.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### REINSTATE MEMBER

R. C. S. Brown, 34, Leyburn Gardens, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 8NL

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## KIWI DAY - SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1996.

The 45th Annual General Meeting commenced at 11.00 a.m., with Lewis Giles, our Vice Chairman taking the meeting in place of Alan Baker, who sent his apologies, having been booked at an alternative meeting some two years past. 16 members were present with four sending apologies for absence. A further seven members attended the auction in the afternoon.

### THE 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

1. The minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting having been circulated in *The Kiwi* were taken as read and proposed by Allan Berry and seconded by Ann Carter and passed with a show of hands. Keith Collins, our secretary, asked our President to sign copies of the 44th AGM Minutes together with the audited accounts for 1996 for his files.

2. John Smith, our President, then presented the President's review of the society for the past year.

"I am afraid that this is the one year in six or seven when I should be heading West instead of East in the early morning, thus I am not very popular at home at the moment. So I am sorry that I have to clear off very quickly and shall miss most of the day.

Programmes have followed the usual pattern over the year, in addition to the competition day and shows, we have seen displays on the 1930's Health Stamps, the First World War and the Queen Victoria Second Sideface Issues. At least those who came to the meetings saw

them and we are very grateful to Ernie Leppard, Alan Baker, Tom Latto, Bernard Atkinson and Paul Wreglesworth for the quite remarkable material we were privileged to see. And if as usual I have managed to forget someone I apologise.

Our thanks are due to all those who have worked so hard over the year both in seeing that the meetings run smoothly and in so many ways behind the scenes. Whilst I regularly point out that it is invidious to single out particular individuals there is frequently good reason to do so, and this year is no exception.

As you will know from reading your copies of *The Kiwi*, Allan Berry is standing down as Editor after a very long stint in the chair. The Society as a whole, and perhaps especially those who are unable to come to meetings, owe him a very great debt of gratitude for all the many hours of work he has put into making *The Kiwi* the magazine it is today. Allan seems to be one of those splendid people who can do in a few hours what many of us would think about for a week or two. How he has managed to cope with all his philatelic activities and still do a full time job is beyond my comprehension. In any event, Allan, very many thanks.

This does, however, bring me to the most serious problem facing the society at the present time - we need a new Editor. Despite appeals to the membership and strenuous efforts by the committee no one has yet agreed to take on this considerable responsibility.

You will have seen in the current issue of *The Kiwi* a suggestion that the Society might have to be wound up. I do not know if Allan wrote that tongue in cheek to stir things up but I trust we are not at that sort of stage yet.

The society did of course exist before *The Kiwi* achieved its present eminence and I do trust that both will continue for many years to come. I am sure the committee will do all in its power to keep the journal going until a new Editor is found, and I should be extremely disappointed and surprised if our wider membership did not give us time to sort this matter out.

There are no doubt many reasons why people are unable or unwilling to take on such a job - lack of time and lack of expertise obviously come to mind, but there must be someone, somewhere who can and will take over. Please!

I seem to have stood here doing this for a good long time now and it could well be that the society needs a new President as well as a new Editor.

Much as I have enjoyed being your President, I shall not in any way take umbrage if, later on this morning, you decide there should be a change. Perhaps the fact that I am sneaking off will make it easier if any of you felt embarrassed about it.

As I say my great hope is for the continued existence and success of our society and I will certainly do what little is in my power to see that there will be many more AGM's".

3. Ernie Leppard, the Honorary Treasurer, presented and circulated his report and the Accounts of the Society for the past year to members in the room, a copy of which can be read as part of the centre fold of this issue of *The Kiwi*. For this year it is recommended that the subscription level be raised from £10-00 to £12-00 per annum. Some discussion took place on the report, with a suggestion that the subscription be raised to £15-00 with a discount for those paying before the end of February for United Kingdom members and the end of March for overseas members. This

motion has been discussed in Committee with some merit as subscriptions are taking some time to come in, which is again addressed in the report. It was recommended for this, an uncertain year, not to adopt this proposal. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Ian Carter, seconded by David Goodgame and was passed by 14 of the members present with one abstention on a show of hands. **The subscription for 1997 is thus increased to £12-00 per annum.** On the membership front the Society showed a number of losses and some discussion took place on how the position could be improved. Some thoughts were expressed that with a new Editor, perhaps an improved presentation of *The Kiwi* with the committee to take a keener overview of the contents, with a little more on the stamp issues of New Zealand and a little less on Postal History. Other thoughts were that the Society must advertise itself more.

4. Bernard Atkinson, the Honorary Packet Secretary, also circulated his report to members in the room and may be found enclosed with this copy of *The Kiwi*. He reported on being able to pass once again £1,000-00 profit from the packet account to the general account of the Society, but this year's profits and turnover are down on previous years. He reported that he does need more material, especially of the better class, to keep up his packet circuits. He does apologise to those who complained of two or three packets arriving in quick succession. It is not planned that way but postal delays and members holding on to the packet too long always seem to result in different packets converging. He was asked how the lower value packet was working. With 70 on the circuit against 64 on the higher value circuit, the problem was once again lack of suitable material on the circuits with the better class material always selling more. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Keith Collins seconded by Allan Berry with no abstentions or votes against.

5. The retiring Editor, Allan Berry, then gave a report on *The Kiwi* which had been under his hand for 22 years. He reported that by the end of 1997 he hoped to be residing in New Zealand and thus his editorship had to cease as he had much else to do in the meantime. He reiterated his Editorial of *The Kiwi* in that without an Editor the society was bound to fold. When he took over *The Kiwi* he found absolutely no copy and had over the years built up a team of regular contributors and was now in a position to hand over to his successor a fair amount of copy. A considerable discussion took place from the floor on the possibility of the society purchasing the necessary machinery, publishing package or Word Processor in the hope that this would attract someone to the post. From the floor it was expressed that the Executive Committee would have to be responsible for the continuing editing and publishing *The Kiwi* until a new Editor was found. Perhaps it would be to advantage to produce 'An Idiot's Guide to producing the Kiwi' by article or disc and look to producing a prototype for a new look to *The Kiwi*. Allan put forward the suggestion that he has already published an informed article on producing a society magazine in the last edition of *The Mail Coach*, the journal of the Postal History Society of New Zealand. It was pointed out that this did not address the nitty-gritty in the technicalities and work involved in producing a journal, what machinery is needed, liaising with the printer and such things as scanning illustrations. It was suggested the future editorial content should be assisted by the Executive Committee and such long running articles as the Findings from Files would have benefited by being produced as a monograph and quoted from in *The Kiwi*, with perhaps two pages devoted to past and present stamp issues for the newer members of the society. Anything further on the Editorship would be discussed in committee at the end of the January meeting. It was thought the distribution and postage can initially be done by the Executive committee. Lewis Giles thanked the retiring team of Elizabeth

Berry and Ann and Ian Carter for the work over the years with the packaging, distribution, and posting of *The Kiwi*.

6. The Honorary Officers of the society automatically resign at the end of each year and by default offer themselves for re-election. Some changes have been arranged in committee so that the following were nominated and elected as Honorary Officers for 1997:-

|                                            |                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President.....                             | John Smith                                                           |
| Vice Presidents.....                       | Allan P. Berry, Tom Hetherington,<br>Alan Gardiner & Dr. K. McNaught |
| Chairman...(E).....                        | Alan Baker                                                           |
| Vice Chairman.....                         | Lewis Giles                                                          |
| General Secretary...(E).....               | Keith Collins                                                        |
| Treasurer...(E).....                       | Ernie Leppard                                                        |
| Packet Secretary.....                      | Bernard Atkinson                                                     |
| Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> ...(E).....      | -----                                                                |
| Librarian.....                             | John Woolf                                                           |
| Membership Recorder.....                   | Ernie Leppard                                                        |
| Meetings Reporters.....                    | Ernie Leppard and John Woolf                                         |
| Auctioneer.....                            | Lewis Giles                                                          |
| Auction Officers.....                      | Eric and Elizabeth Lewis                                             |
| Auditor.....                               | John Smith                                                           |
| Representative in New Zealand.....         | John Watts                                                           |
| Northern Group - Lancashire Chairman.....  | Geoff Wragg                                                          |
| Northern Group - Lancashire Secretary..... | Jack Lindley                                                         |

7. Ann Carter resigned from the committee. Lewis Giles thanked her for past services to the Society. No offers to take part as a committee member were received at the meeting. Past Northern Group Chairman and Secretary, Tom Latto and Geoff Hook, remain as committee members, together with all the above officers. Executive committee members are marked with an (E). It was announced that John Woolf had taken over the Library from Bernard Atkinson. Members requiring Library books and a Library list should write to John. Allan Berry said a considerable amount of other society magazines are to be handed over and need collating, indexing and binding. Keith Collins, our Secretary has now also become secretary of the new specialist society committee set up by the ABPS. The members are from specialist societies voted onto the Council of the ABPS.

8. The programme for 1997 was proposed under:-

25th January - British Society of Australian Philatelists will present the New Zealand Connection

29th March - Annual Competition - and new acquisitions and queries.

31st May - Allan Berry will present his unique collection of Official Mail.

26th July - Commemoratives led by Alan Baker with members contributions,

27th September - A full society meeting at Orrell with our North of England Group, displays by members of the committee.

29th November - Kiwi Day, A.G.M. and Annual Auction.

10. The North of England Regional Group at Orrell, Lancashire have presented reports of their successful meetings during the past year. Further dates for 1997 will be announced in their meeting

reports, with consideration given to their annual September competition. Some discussion took place on another regional meetings. We have booked a room at the ABPS specialist society meeting in Coventry, a major event in the Midlands known as Midpex, on 28th June, 1997. 62 societies and 43 Dealers will be present. It was asked whether the society would hold a meeting at the Hampshire Federation event Hampex 97, at King's School Winchester on Saturday, 25th October, 1997. The last one at Petersfield this year was disappointing with only committee members present. It was agreed that we should try again and make it a full society meeting with a programme to be announced. Alex McCulloch, attending the AGM from Scotland, suggested an initial regional meeting in Scotland and agreed to write to Scottish members to try and organise one centrally with Perth or Edinburgh suggested as possible venues. We do require some of our committee to attend this if it gets off the ground. The society is booked to present a display at the Autumn Stampex in 1998, the venue being at Islington, London. It was suggested that this should centre around the 1898 First Pictorial Issue, whose Centenary it would be, and present this in a similar way to the very successful 1990 Stampex show. All these events publicise the society and aid recruitment of the needed new members.

11. The presentation of the Society awards and medals for the Annual Competition was made by Ann Carter:

|                  |                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Classic Section  | Noel Turner Trophy - Ernie Leppard       |
| Runner up        | John D. Evans Trophy - Allan McKellar    |
| Modern Section 1 | Kiwi Shield - John Smith                 |
| Runner up        | Paua Musical Box - Dr Philip Hoare       |
| Modern Section 2 | Stacey Hooker Cup - Ernie Leppard        |
| Runner up        | Paua Book Ends - John Smith              |
| Modern Section 3 | David Forty Salver - Allan McKellar      |
| Runner up        | Campbell Paterson Trophy - John Smith    |
| Postal History   | John J. Bishop Trophy - Brian Cartwright |
| Runner up        | Barton Bowl - Lew Giles                  |

The F.G. East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best series of contributions to *The Kiwi*, proposed by the Editor of *The Kiwi* was awarded to Tony Dodd. A medal was awarded to Paul Wreglesworth for his exceptional September presentation to the society of Second Sideface Issues and another was presented to Brian Cartwright for his best newcomer entry at the Annual Competition in March.

12. Any Other Business. Under any other business it was announced that a letter had been received from our past Secretary, Rita Gilders with a donation to the society and a packet of stamps for society funds at the auction. The society sends her its best wishes as it does to some of our elder statesmen who have retired from 'active service'.

Some discussion took place as to how new members heard about the society and what publicity we could put out. It disappointed the committee that our new member, David Goodgame from London heard of the society in New Zealand, not in the United Kingdom. More publicity of the society is needed. Lewis Giles closed the meeting at 12.45 p.m.

The Annual Society Auction commenced after lunch at 2.00 p.m. with 20 members present. Allan Berry reiterated his thoughts on the Editorship for those just arriving. Lewis Giles was the Auctioneer with Allan Berry assisting and Allan McKellar and Bob Brown as runners. Ernie

Leppard and John Woolf were the clerks. Realisations are published as under but the room bids came to £503-30 and Book Bids to £301-50. This included £48-75 for lots donated to the society for which the society gives its thanks. A further 11 lots additional to those published were received in the room for society funds. There were only 109 lots, less than half our usual quota. The raffle raised £16-00 and the Auction closed at 4.45 p.m.

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AUCTION REALISATIONS

|        |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Lot A  | £1-00  | Lot 13 | £1-00  | Lot 44 | £19-00 | Lot 81  | £4-00  |
| Lot B  | £4-00  | Lot 14 | £3-00  | Lot 45 | £45-00 | Lot 82  | £5-00  |
| Lot C  | £4-00  | Lot 15 | £15-00 | Lot 46 | £20-00 | Lot 83  | £3-00  |
| Lot D  | £4-00  | Lot 16 | £2-00  | Lot 47 | £10-00 | Lot 84  | £10-00 |
| Lot E  | £0-50  | Lot 17 | £1-00  | Lot 48 | £3-00  | Lot 85  | £2-00  |
| Lot Ea | £0-50  | Lot 18 | £0-20  | Lot 50 | £5-00  | Lot 86  | £10-00 |
| Lot F  | £5-00  | Lot 19 | £0-50  | Lot 51 | £15-00 | Lot 87  | £1-50  |
| Lot G  | £1-00  | Lot 20 | £0-20  | Lot 52 | £3-00  | Lot 88  | £6-50  |
| Lot H  | £2-00  | Lot 21 | £0-60  | Lot 53 | £6-00  | Lot 89  | £2-00  |
| Lot I  | £10-00 | Lot 22 | £0-20  | Lot 54 | £5-00  | Lot 90  | £8-00  |
| Lot J  | £9-00  | Lot 23 | £2-20  | Lot 55 | £12-00 | Lot 91  | £22-00 |
| Lot K  | £0-50  | Lot 24 | £0-20  | Lot 56 | £9-00  | Lot 92  | £1-00  |
| Lot L  | £1-00  | Lot 25 | £1-00  | Lot 57 | £6-00  | Lot 93  | £1-00  |
| Lot M  | £1-00  | Lot 26 | £15-00 | Lot 58 | £6-00  | Lot 94  | £1-00  |
| Lot N  | £1-00  | Lot 27 | £0-20  | Lot 61 | £16-00 | Lot 95  | £24-00 |
| Lot P  | £0-50  | Lot 28 | £2-50  | Lot 65 | £5-00  | Lot 96  | £3-50  |
| Lot Q  | £0-75  | Lot 29 | £1-00  | Lot 66 | £7-00  | Lot 97  | £8-50  |
| Lot R  | £3-00  | Lot 30 | £4-50  | Lot 68 | £4-00  | Lot 98  | £11-00 |
| Lot 1  | £60-00 | Lot 31 | £4-50  | Lot 69 | £23-00 | Lot 100 | £12-00 |
| Lot 3  | £16-00 | Lot 32 | £1-00  | Lot 71 | £5-00  | Lot 103 | £4-00  |
| Lot 4  | £45-00 | Lot 33 | £0-50  | Lot 72 | £10-00 | Lot 104 | £6-00  |
| Lot 7  | £7-00  | Lot 34 | £0-50  | Lot 73 | £11-00 | Lot 105 | £7-00  |
| Lot 8  | £6-00  | Lot 35 | £6-50  | Lot 75 | £6-00  | Lot 106 | £14-00 |
| Lot 9  | £11-00 | Lot 39 | £27-00 | Lot 76 | £12-00 | Lot 107 | £1-00  |
| Lot 10 | £1-00  | Lot 40 | £18-00 | Lot 78 | £5-00  | Lot 108 | £1-00  |
| Lot 11 | £1-50  | Lot 42 | £12-00 | Lot 79 | £3-00  | Lot 109 | £1-00  |
| Lot 12 | £3-00  | Lot 43 | £6-00  | Lot 80 | £7-00  |         |        |

Lots not listed were withdrawn, failed to attract a bid, or failed to reach their reserve. Our thanks to all who donated material.

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NEWCASTLE BICENTENNIAL '97

Newcastle Bicentennial '97, a competitive Half-National Exhibition open also to international participation, will be held at the Waratah Technological High School, Turton Road, Waratah, between July 4th - 6th, 1997.

The classes will be Postal Stationery, Aerophilately/Astrophilately, Thematic, Maximaphily and Social Philately. In addition, there will be an experimental class of Polar Philately.

Any member requiring further information should write to Mark Jurisich, the Exhibition Secretary, at:-

P.O.Box 139, Carrington, New South Wales 2294, Australia.

## DISPLAYS TO LOCAL SOCIETIES

Allan P. Berry will be giving a display to the Southampton and District Philatelic Society on 7th January, 1997. The Society meets at the Eastleigh Unity Club, 132/4, Southampton Road, Eastleigh, on the corner of Blenheim Road and the meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

Allan P. Berry will be giving a display to the Farnham and District Philatelic Society on 4th February, 1997. The Society meets at MacMillan Room, Church House, Union Road, Farnham, and the meetings start at 7.00 p.m.

Bernard L. Symonds will be giving a display of New Zealand Definitives beyond Stanley Gibbons to the Banbury Stamp Club on 10th February, 1997. The Society meets at the Elephant and Castle Public House in Bloxham on the A361 and the meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Will the Officers of the Society and Members of the Committee please note that there will be a Meeting of the Committee following the close of the General Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th January, 1997. An Agenda will be circulated before the Meeting.

ALAN BAKER, CHAIRMAN

## SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

### FIRST CITY TO SEE THE NEW MILLENNIUM



A special pictorial date stamp will be issued on Wednesday, 1st January, 1997, in a lead up to celebrating Gisborne as the first city to see the new millennium. The special date stamp will be available in Gisborne in January each year leading up to the new millennium.

## ANNUAL COMPETITION

This will be held on Saturday, 29th March, 1997, at The Central Club, 16 - 22, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR. Details of the classes and awards are as follows:-

### CLASSIC SECTION

The issues of Queen Victoria and the First Pictorials.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Condition.....            | 30 pts.  |
| Completeness.....         | 20 pts.  |
| Presentation.....         | 20 pts.  |
| Philatelic Knowledge..... | 20 pts.  |
| Judge's Discretion.....   | 10 pts.  |
|                           | 100 pts. |

### AWARDS

Stacey Hooker Cup and  
Silver-Gilt Medallion.

Runner-up :-  
Paua Book Ends.

### MODERN SECTION 1.

### AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of King Edward VII and King George V, the Penny Universals, the Penny Dominion and the Second Pictorial Definitive issue.

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Condition.....             | 20 pts.        |
| Completeness & Rarity..... | 30 pts.        |
| Presentation.....          | 20 pts.        |
| Philatelic Knowledge.....  | 20 pts.        |
| Judge's Discretion....     | <u>10 pts.</u> |
|                            | 100 pts.       |

Noel Turner Trophy and  
Silver-Gilt Medallion.

Runner-up :-  
John D. Evans Trophy.

### MODERN SECTION 2.

### AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of King George VI & the pre-decimal issues of Queen Elizabeth II.

As Modern Section 1.

Kiwi Shield and  
Silver-Gilt Medallion.

Runner-up :-  
Paua Musical Box.

### MODERN SECTION 3.

### AWARDS

Stamps issued since decimalisation.

As Modern Section 1.

David Forty Salver and  
Silver-Gilt Medallion.  
Runner-up :-  
Campbell Paterson Trophy.

### POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

|                                                |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Knowledge and personal study displayed.....    | 40 pts.        |
| Originality and importance of the Exhibit..... | 20 pts.        |
| Relative Condition.....                        | 10 pts.        |
| Presentation, including write-up.....          | 20 pts.        |
| Judge's Discretion.....                        | <u>10 pts.</u> |
|                                                | 100 pts.       |

AWARD :- John J. Bishop Trophy and Silver-Gilt Medallion.

RUNNER-UP :- The Barton Bowl.

Each entry shall consist of twelve normal sheets, each sheet to be contained within a protective cover and numbered in the order of sequence. It is desirable that a short note, of not more than eighty words, should be placed at the back of the first sheet, between the sheet and the plastic cover, giving for the aid of the Judge, the theme of the entry, and calling attention to any items of interest and rarity.

Postal Entries should be sent to :-

K.C. Collins, 13, Briton Crescent, Sanderstead, Surrey, CR2 0JN

Such postal entries should arrive with Keith Collins not later than TUESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1997. It is regretted that entries from overseas members cannot be accepted, due to problems that have been encountered with the Customs and Excise Authorities.

Entries will be accepted on the day if produced to one of the Society's Officers immediately on arrival, and before judging commences.

Once again, an Award will be made to the best entry submitted by a Member who has not previously won an Award in the Society's Annual Competition. Also, the Officers and Committee are hoping for an improved turn out from last year. It is not difficult to win one of the trophies listed above. Many have before now.

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ADVERTISEMENT

As the result of the demise of a member of the British Society of Australian Philately a large quantity of New Zealand kiloware has become available. It is my duty to try and dispose of this for the benefit of the next of kin. It appears to have been purchased from a dealer in Melbourne and seems to be of good quality and unpicked. Members of the British Society of Australian Philately were offered similar Australian material at £8-50 per pound with United Kingdom postage and packing included and appear to have been well satisfied. As I have received repeat orders so I am prepared to offer the New Zealand material at the same rate.

So would those interested please order with cheques made payable to me

**A. J. Brander, 10, Garden Close, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4JS**

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AUTUMN STAMPEX 1997

Our previous Editor, Allan P. Berry, is wearing sack-cloth and ashes following his omission to record the success of two of our members in this Exhibition.

Mrs. S. Terry was awarded a Small Silver Gilt medal in the Traditional, Commonwealth, section for her exhibit of The One Penny Dominion.

Mr. J. R. Spooner was awarded a Bronze Medal in the Aerophilatelic Section for his exhibit of New Zealand Airmail Milestones 1930-34.

Our congratulations to both these members.

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REVIEWS

Checklist of Australian & New Zealand TB Seals, compiled by Ronald H. Wickens. Sponsored by Queensland Philatelic Council, Inc., 18, Coolcrest Street, Wynnum, Queensland 4178, Australia. Published to assist collectors of "Cinderella" material. Price A\$15-00, plus postage and packing - airmail = A\$7-00; Economy Mail = \$A6-20; Surface Mail = £A4-10. 40 A4 pages, plastic spiral bound.

This interesting handbook/catalogue starts with a reprint of an article by Rev. Alfred H. Ernst, Richard F. Potter and A. N. Other in *Seal News*, November/December, 1988. This article is titled *The Story of the Christmas Seal*. That alone is a fascinating story, starting as it did in Denmark with an idea of a postal clerk Einar Holboell. The idea spread around the world, with Christmas Seals now being sold to aid research and treatment of chest diseases which still include tuberculosis.

There follows an illustrated catalogue of the seals issued by the various charities in Australia and New Zealand, the latter covering a modest five pages. The illustrations are in black and white, but they are suprisingly clear. The annotation is a little confusing, taking a while to appreciate.

For the purist, it is a shame that the book lacks an ISBN and that the pagination does not follow the more normal pattern of odd pages on the right, even on the left. Although the New Zealand section is so small, it appears comprehensive. For this alone, the book is worth the modest asking price, which at the time of writing is about £7-50.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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Following a short history of the Society and its Library, the main part of this massive book is divided into six sections - Books and Monographs; Priced Catalogues and Checklists; Sales Catalogues; Exhibition Publications; Government Publications; Serials and a Subject Index. Such a breakdown into sections is always necessary when one is faced with a Library of such a magnitude. Indeed, it is one followed by others in the past and will be used in the future. The bibliographical details of each entry are given in a consistent manner and the Index appears to be accurate in helping one around the entries.

The first use to which the book was put was to check entries against the listings in the course of preparation for the book *New Zealand and Dependencies - A Philatelic Bibliography*, in course of preparation by myself, David Beech and Robin Startup. Some defects immediately became apparent. There is an annoying lack of attention to detail - with examples of the works in our hands, we discovered errors in the listing of dates of publication and of page numbers in quite a large number of entries. One classic error was to confuse two authors who have both written books on the same subject - A. R. Burge and A. H. Burgess - ascribing one title to the wrong author. Such inaccuracies call into question the care taken in the rest of the listing.

The book that was the subject of this review is the deluxe edition, with a nicely tooled binding in a slipcase. The type used is clear and easily readable, but the paper used is the heavyweight art paper which I personally dislike - one drop of water and the surfacing is ruined.

I am sure this book will be consulted for entries on many fields outside my those of my own interest. It will be very useful in this respect and is therefore to be commended. However, I would suggest that other sources need to be used in conjunction to assure that any details recorded for a bibliography are accurate.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**SENIC GARDENS HONOURED ON LATEST STAMP ISSUE**

Beautiful New Zealand scenic parks and gardens are honoured on the latest Scenic Gardens stamp issue, released on 13th November, 1996, by New Zealand Post.

"New Zealanders are renowned for their love of the outdoors and of gardening," said Russell Watson, General Manager New Zealand Post Stamps Business Unit. "We felt it appropriate to acknowledge this passion and to recognise these particular planners' and gardeners' meticulous efforts over the years."

The five scenic gardens admired by visitors from New Zealand and overseas include Seymour Square in Blenheim (40 cents), Pukekura Park in New Plymouth (80 cents), Wintergarden in

Auckland (\$1-00), Botanic Gardens in Christchurch (\$1-50), and Marine Parade Gardens in Napier (£1-80). Pioneers with creativity and great foresight have established these sites for all to enjoy.

Seymour Square in Blenheim is a square flat hectare of garden named after the district pioneer who designated the land for a park in 1857. It features an impressive war memorial fountain and clock tower, complemented with stunning formal flower beds.

Pukekura Park Gardens in New Plymouth has been described as having something for everyone. Complete with cricket pitch and dense bush, walkways, and native and exotic tree collections, the park is set against the backdrop of the majestic Mount Taranaki.

Governor George Grey set aside land for the Auckland Domain 150 years ago, yet the first stage of the Wintergarden, the temperate house, was not completed until 1921 with the tropical house finished in 1929.

The Botanic Gardens situated in Christchurch's Hagley Park date back to 1863 when the first oak tree was planted to celebrate a royal marriage. The gardens span a massive 30 hectares and is the largest single city park in the country.

Napier's Marine Parade Gardens which runs between the beach front and Napier City consists of long stretches of lawn, formal flower beds and trees. The gardens are the home to the much loved statue "Pania of the Reef".

The Scenic Gardens stamps were designed by Hamish Thompson of Wellington, and illustrated by Jeremy Bennett, also of Wellington. The stamps were printed by Walsall Security Printers in England.

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## STRAIGHT LINE 'PAID ALL' MARKINGS ON MAIL TO NORTH AMERICA

PAUL WREGLESWORTH

In *The Kiwi*, Volume 40, number 4, July, 1991, pages 66 - 70, J. EDGAR WILLIAMS presented the results of research into the straight line 'PAID ALL' markings applied to mail being carried between New Zealand and the United States of America between 1870 and 1891. He identified seven varieties of the marking varying in letter size, with and without serifs, boxed and unboxed.

Type 1 markings are associated with Auckland. This conclusion is based on a significant number of covers studied by Williams, all of which have Auckland or Auckland Postal District as their source. Examples I have seen that would corroborate this link are:-

From my own collection. Dated 22 July 1884, addressed to Brooklyn, New York - Auckland squared circle postmark. The 'PAID ALL' mark measures 24.5 mm x 5 mm and is in red brown, which is consistent with Williams' definition of Type 1. The cover is backstamped with a double-circle New York 'Paid All' marking of 17 Aug. 1884 and a Brooklyn N.Y. 'REC'D' mark of 18 Aug. 1884, both in black. See Figure 1 on page 13.

Offered in an Auckland City Stamps Bulletin - 3/93, May, 1993 - as Lot Z3. The description given was as follows:-

Advertising envelope (WINGATE BURNS 7 CO. AUCKLAND). Has 6d. Brown tied by Auckland squared circle (fine strike) to USA. Has fine PAID ALL straight line cachet in red. Has US backstamps including New York Paid All.

An example which would seem to correlate with Type 4 was offered in a Campbell Paterson Postal Bid Sale - No. 7, September, 1990.

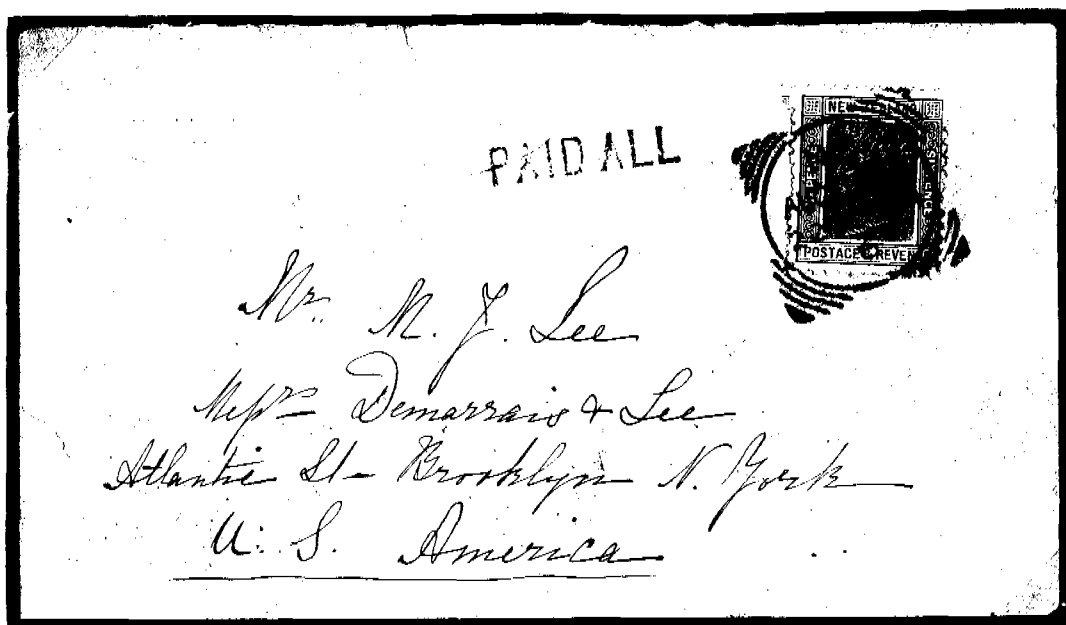


Figure 1

Dated 23 May 1885 from Dunedin to New York. A lovely printed envelope of NZ Express Company 'Paid All' US transit marking in purple rectangle with sanserif lettering. [Williams' research would suggest these markings were applied in New Zealand rather than in the US]. Fine strike of Dunedin squared circle and New York 'Paid All' receiving.

It is possible that the two items detailed from dealers have already been recorded by Williams. If not, they, together with by own example, add to the body of evidence that at least Types 1 and 4 were applied in New Zealand and are associated with Auckland and Dunedin Chief Post Offices respectively.

Type 5 has proved to be more difficult to allocate and has been the subject of additional articles by John Woolfe - *The Kiwi*, Volume 42, number 4, July, 1993, pages 85 - 86 - and by Ken McNaught - *The Kiwi*, Volume 43, number 1, January, 1994, pages 15 - 17. This type is characterised by large letters with serifs enclosed in a single line box, the dimensions being quoted as 57 mm x 13 mm. The examples studied by Williams were from Auckland in 1884 and from Nelson dated 1897. This latter is an error as use of these markings became superfluous on New Zealand joining the Universal Postal Union on 1st October, 1891. Earlier suggestions that the date might be an error for 1891 are also incorrect because the letter is dated Devenember. Perhaps and error for 1887 is more likely. The articles by Woolfe and McNaught add examples from Oamaru dated 1885 and Nelson dated 1888.

The conclusion was that, given the range of originating Chief Post Offices, this Type 5 was probably applied on board ship en-route to America differentiating it from some other types. I have one example in my collection as follows:-

On a cover posted from Nelson on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1891 to Bloomfield, Ontario, Canada. It is endorsed 'Via Frisco'. The backstamps are of Windsor, Ontario - 19 May, 1891; Trenton, Ontario - 20 May 1891; And Bloomfield, Ontario - 20 May, 1891. The 'Paid All' marking is

in mauve and the letters measure 45 mm x 5 mm. The box is 55.5 mm - 56.0 mm x 12 mm - 12.5 mm, the variability being due to distortions around the edges of the box. For the record, there is a space of 4.5 mm between the full stop and the frame, Ken McNaught having suggested possible differences in this area between apparently similar stamps.

Type 2 appears to be similarly difficult to assign. Described by William in *The Kiwi*, Volume 40, number 4, July, 1991, page 68 as

Words in large plain capital letters, in orange or black, between parallel bars; 45 mm long and 11 mm high.

In his 1991 article, Williams describes four covers with Type 2 mark in black or orange, three originating from the Christchurch area and one from Wellington. I have one cover bearing a Type 2 mark which differs in both colour and originating office.

On a cover from Auckland dated 11 August 1890 to Bloomfield, Ontario, Canada. Endorsed 'Via Frisco' by the sender. Backstamps are of Windsor, Ontario - 4 September, 1890, and Bloomfield, Ontario - 5 September, 1890. The 'Paid All' marking is in a blackish blue - but definitely blue. The dimensions are 44 mm x 10 mm. See Figure 2 below.

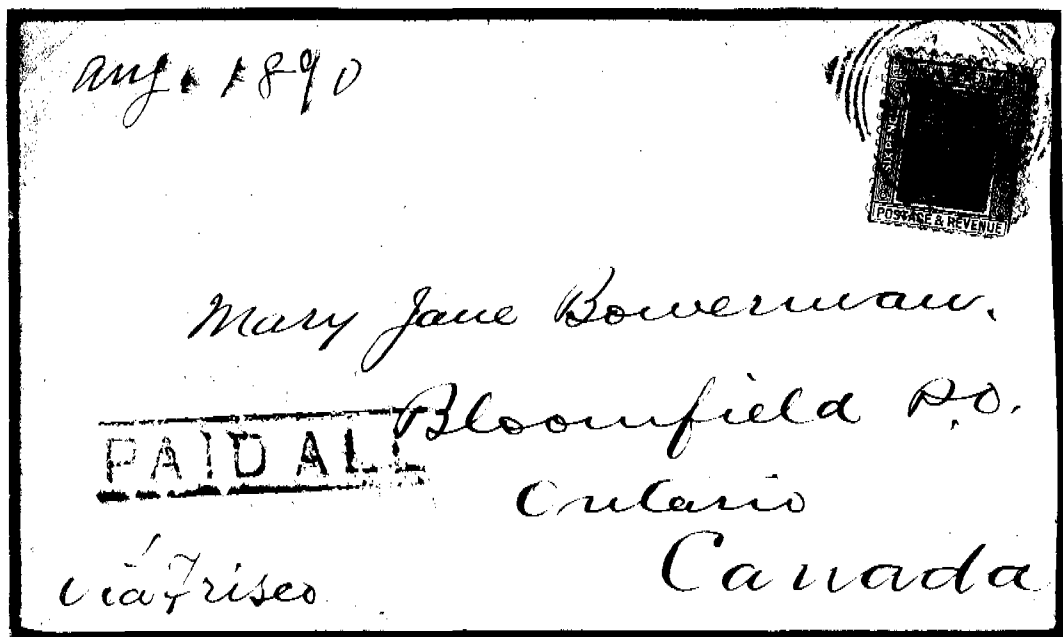


Figure 2

Once again, there is no correlation to a single post office which would suggest perhaps the common factor might be the ships carrying the mail to North America. A check of sailing against the dates of posting the cover showing Type 2 might shed further light on this.

Intriguingly, the two examples in my collection addressed to Canada - from Auckland in 1890 bearing Type 2 marking and from Nelson in 1891 bearing Type 4 marking - are written in the same hand and addressed to two members of the Bowerman family - letters home perhaps? I acquired them however from very different sources and a number of years apart.

**FINDINGS FROM FILES  
STORAGE AT SOMERSET HOUSE OF WATERMARKED PAPER**

**ALLAN P. BERRY**

This particular section of the files starts with a letter from the New Zealand High Commission to the Controller of the Post Office Stores Department, dated 25th August, 1942, which reads:-

"You will remember that a few days ago we discussed the question of surplus New Zealand stamp paper. The position was that we ordered a quantity of stamp paper over and above that immediately required as a safeguard against losses, but fortunately we have not had recourse to use much of this surplus.

"The idea was, in regard to any unused paper, that it should be split as equally as possible between Bradbury's, De La Rue's and Samuel Jones', with, of course, their concurrence. The storage position at Samuel Jones' Works has, however, become aggravated due to the fact that they have had to undertake somewhat large Government orders, and they have asked whether we could accept delivery of the major portion of the paper now at their Works.

"We could send some more to Bradbury's but this would defeat our endeavours to reduce the risk of total loss, and I do not think it wise, if it can be avoided, that we should have all that paper in one store. On the other hand, De La Rue's are unable to accept any more paper.

"Do you think you could assist us in any way to arrange for storage of roughly 2,000 reams of paper, which would take up storage space of a room approximately 12' x 10'?"

On the foot of this letter there is a hand written note, reading:-

"Discussed with ... (of the New Zealand High Commission) by ... and myself on 3 Sept. We offered to find accommodation in 157E Room at Somerset House, subject to Jones supplying labour for unloading and stacking. Agreed that dust in room would not matter as the paper is wrapped. ... to arrange with Jones."

There follows a letter from the Controller of the Post Office Stores Department to the New Zealand High Commission, dated 1st October, 1942, which says:-

"With reference to your letter of August 25th regarding your reserve stock of Stamp paper, I have to confirm the suggestion made orally, that the stock of approximately 2,000 reams should be stored in a strong room which this Department has retained at Somerset House. The room is at basement level (as compared with the Strand) and the window spaces have been bricked up. Access is gained by an iron gate, the keys of which are held by the Director of Stamping (Inland Revenue) and the Chief A.R.P. Officer. We have some National Savings Certificates there, but I have no doubt that a space 12' x 10' could be made available for you.

"I think you said you would approach Messrs, Samuel Jones as to providing labour for unloading and stacking. We have no staff available and it would not be easy to borrow suitable labour on the spot.

"If you would like to see the room before coming to a decision I can arrange it on 48 hours' notice."

The reply is dated 13th October, 1942, and reads:-

"I have to thank you for your letter of the 1st instant, in regard to the arrangement which can be made for storing our Stamp Paper in a room in Somerset House.

"I should like to see the room and I propose contacting Samuel Jones to see whether one of their officials could also inspect the room with me. The question of labour for transporting the paper can then be thoroughly discussed and no doubt the whole matter can be finalised at that time.

"Is there any charge involved for rent?"

Against the last sentence, the word 'No' has been written in ink. The next letter on the file is from the New Zealand High Commission to the Controller of the Post Office Stores Department, dated 23rd October, 1942. It reads:-

"I have received a letter from Samuel Jones' in regard to the transference of our paper to Somerset House on Wednesday next, the 28th instant. The letter says:-

'They will be at the Embankment entrance between 10.0 and 10.30 a.m. We would suggest that perhaps ... would arrange beforehand with the porter at the gate in case there is any argument about letting the men through without passes.'

"I suggest, if it is convenient to you, that you call here about 9.45 and we will then go over to Somerset House together. Perhaps you will confirm that this is convenient."

The reply to this letter is dated 24th October, 1942. It says:-

"Thanks for your note about the transference of paper to Somerset House. I will be at your office at 9.45 on Wednesday next as suggested."

On the bottom of this letter is written the following notes:-

Stored on 28th & 30th Oct.:-

N.Z. watermarked paper gummed.

20½" x 11" 949 reams 367 shts.

22½" x 21" 544 reams 38 shts.

Approx. 15 tons.

Checked in by N.Z. representatives.

There follows a short letter from the New Zealand High Commission to the Controller of the Post Office Stores Department, dated 4th November, 1942, which states:-

"I have to thank you for your kindness in arranging for the storage of our Stamp Paper in strong room No. 157E at Somerset House. The whole of the paper involved was taken into store there on Wednesday and Friday of last week - the 28th and 30th October."

This section of the files is completed by some hand written notes on the bottom of this last letter. These read:-

"Paper removed on 13/8/43, 4/2/44 and 21/4/44. All clear."

I am very grateful to the National Postal Museum for allowing access to these files, and for permission to publish extracts from them.

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**FIRST UNITED KINGDOM AERIAL POST TO NEW ZEALAND, 1911**

**E.W.LEPPARD**

For the coronation of King George V in 1911, a first Aerial Post was proposed. Initially, this was to be held in conjunction with the Festival of Empire to be held at Crystal Palace in May, 1911. An Act of Parliament put severe restrictions on any such flight, in case it encouraged any flyer to interfere with the coronation procession. The idea was pursued until eventually it was agreed that a

test flight for carrying mail should be carried out. The route chosen was from Hendon Aerodrome to Windsor, a distance of approximately twenty miles, to be flown in approximately half an hour, on the chosen date of Saturday, 9th September, 1911.

Special envelopes and postcards were designed and placed on sale at various places shown on the reverse of the postcard - see Figures 1 and 2. The postcards and envelopes were sold pre-stamped, and cost 6½d. for the postcard, and 1/1 for the envelope, the ½d. and 1d. being the inland postage rates respectively for postcards and envelopes. For overseas destinations, additional postage was required. This was ½d. for postcards and 1d. for envelopes destined to the British Empire, the United States of America, Egypt and Morocco; an extra 1d. was required on postcards for all other destinations, and an extra 2½d. for the first ounce, then 1½d. each additional ounce on envelopes.

Collecting boxes were set up at different places on Friday, 8th September, 1911, closing on the collecting circuit from 12 noon at Clapham Junction to 3.25 p.m. at Finchley, the nearest to Hendon. The items posted were all handstamped for 9th September, 1911, and delivered to Hendon the next morning for the flight later in the day. Six handstamps were used, with indices 1 to 4 for the London collecting boxes, and 5 and 6 - see Figure 3 - for the collecting boxes placed at Hendon Aerodrome. A total of 23 bags of mail were thus collected. Additional acceptances were made during the following week but dated at later dates, so that a total of 37 bags, weighing 926 pounds,

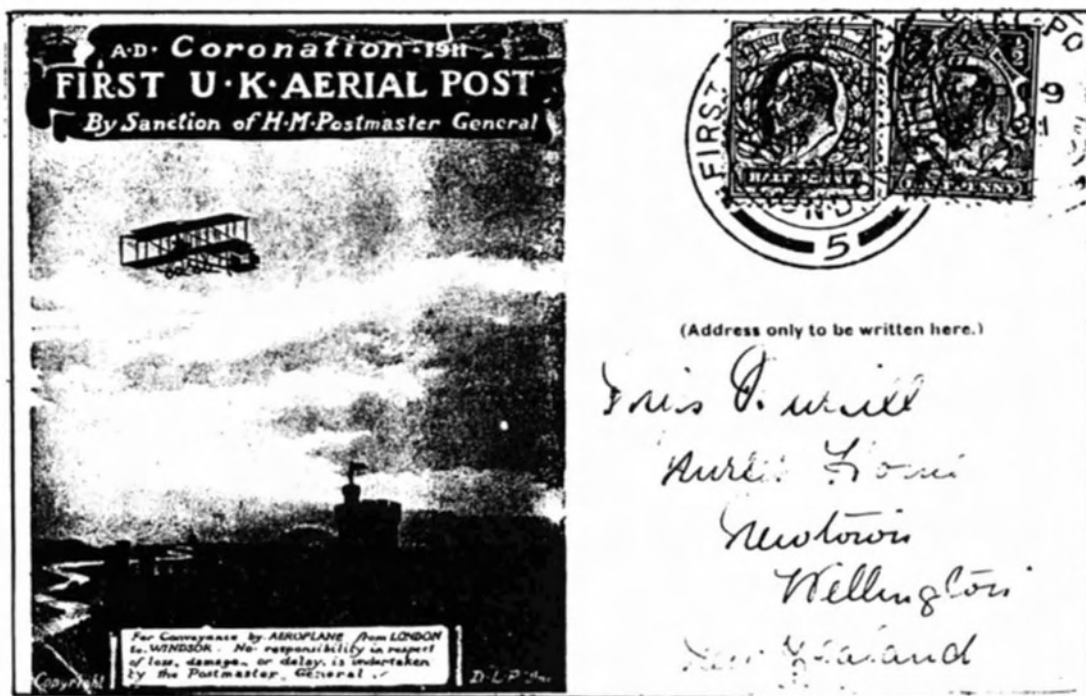


Figure 1 - Red Brown Card



Figure 3

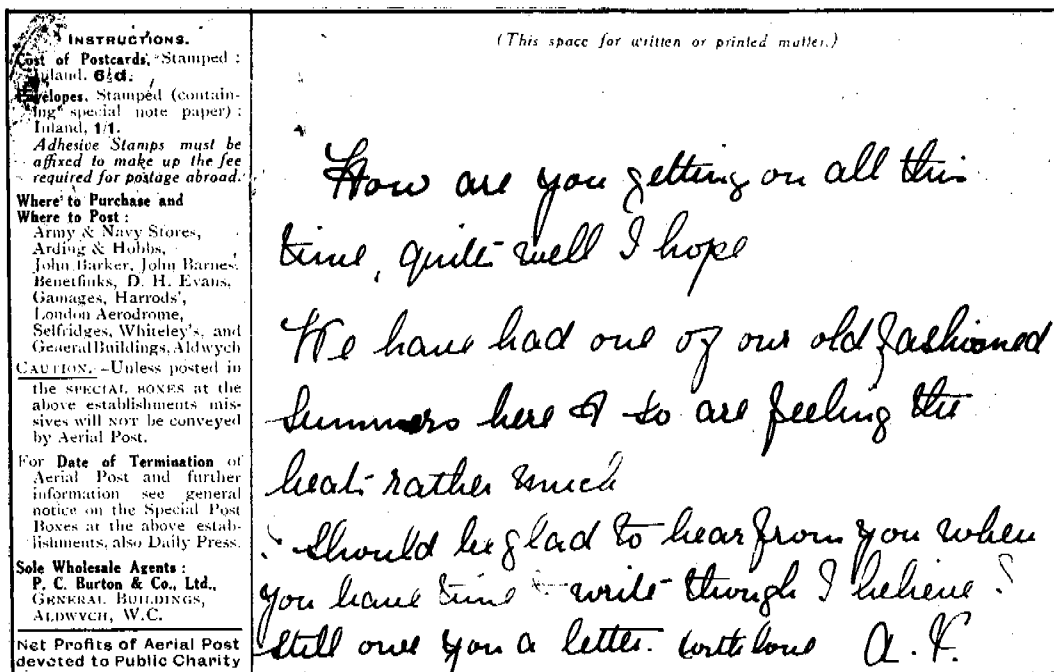


Figure 2

took a series of 16 flights from 9th September to 26th September, 1911, to deliver to Windsor. Four flights carrying four bags were delivered on the return trip from Windsor to Hendon.

Three planes, two Bleriot and one Farman, were used, with three pilots, C.Cresswell, G.Hamel and E.Driver. There was to have been a fourth pilot, C.Hubert, who crashed on take off, trying to carry six bags of mail, which was too many. This caused the first strike by pilots, who came out in sympathy from 20th to 24th September, 1911, unless, of course, some of the pigeons of the 1898 Great Barrier Island mail service went on strike.

The first flight took off at 4.38 p.m., three minutes later than scheduled, piloted by Gustav Hamel. He carried only the one V.I.P. bag of mail, and arrived in Windsor at 5.13 p.m. He actually set down at the wrong place in Windsor, and the organiser had to collect him and the mail by motor bike. The next three flights were on 11th September, 1911, which delivered the first five bags of mail, each pilot making one trip. The index '5' shown on Figure 1 of the postcard addressed to New Zealand shows that it was posted at Hendon Aerodrome, and was carried in one of the first five bags to be flown. The number of items flown was not recorded and can only be estimated from the weight of the bags flown against the numbers of postcards and envelopes sold. So approximately 10,000 postcards were in the first five bags.

Further information on these flights can be found in 'The Coronation Aerial Post 1911', by Francis J. Field and N.C.Baldwin, published as 'Aero Field' Handbook Number 3 as a Silver Jubilee Edition in 1935.

We shall be glad to hear of and record any other items of mail addressed to New Zealand which were carried via the First United Kingdom Aerial Post.

## AN ESCAPED PRISONER OF WAR

E.W.LEPPARD

The card illustrated below and on page 20 was issued to Major T. W. Straker by the International Red Cross Committee with headquarters in Geneva in Switzerland. It appears to be valid for postage, with a 'Free' postage box. It also appears to act as an Identity Card for foreign soldiers interned in Switzerland. At the time of the Italian Armistice in September, 1943, 3,200 New Zealanders were Prisoners of War in Italy, of which over 400 escaped. Those in southern Italy just walked out of their camps.

Major T.W.Straker was a Prisoner of War at an old castle at Gavi, about ten miles north of Genoa. It was a small camp that held only about 180 prisoners, all of whom were Officers. At the Armistice, almost immediately the camp was taken over by the Germans, but not until 65 prisoners had either escaped or hidden in or around the castle. All were rounded up and from 12th September, 1943, the 180 were entrained for Germany, Gavi being cleared by 14th September, 1943.

Three New Zealand Officers - Major T.W.Straker, Captain W.G.Gray and Lieutenant F.E.Wilson - made their escape from the moving train. All three were mentioned in despatches for their exploit. Major Straker and another escaped by making a hole in the end of their carriage, climbing onto the roof and jumping from the fast moving train. Major Straker's own words are quoted by W.Wynne Mason in his book 'Prisoners of War', published in Wellington in 1954, at page 290:-

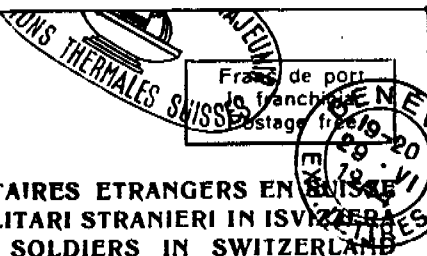
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| <b>CARTE SIGNALÉTIQUE POUR MILITAIRES ÉTRANGERS EN SUISSE</b><br><b>CARTOLINA SEGNALETICA PER MILITARI STRANIERI IN SVIZZERA</b><br><b>IDENTITY CARD FOR FOREIGN SOLDIERS IN SWITZERLAND</b> |                                                                                                   |
| 920 bis - f.i.-gb                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                   |
| <b>IMPORTANT</b><br>Cette carte doit être remplie par tout militaire étranger à son arrivée en Suisse.                                                                                       | <b>Agence centrale des Prisonniers de guerre</b><br><br>COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL<br>DE LA CROIX-ROUGE |
| <b>IMPORTANTE</b><br>Questa cartolina deve essere compilata da ogni militare straniero al momento del suo arrivo in Svizzera.                                                                | <b>GENÈVE</b><br><b>SUISSE</b><br><i>1 AGOST 1944</i>                                             |
| <b>IMPORTANT</b><br>This card has to be filled in by all foreign soldiers on their arrival in Switzerland.                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |

Figure 1

|                                                                                                                                              |                |                                                         |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Ecrire lisiblement et en LETTRES CAPITALES.<br>Scrivere in modo leggibile ed a carattere stampatello.<br>Write clearly and in block letters. |                | Nationalité<br>Nazionalità<br>Nationality               |             |
| Nom - Cognome - Name                                                                                                                         |                | NEW ZEALAND                                             |             |
| 806 409<br><b>STRAKER</b>                                                                                                                    |                | <b>RAPATRIÉ</b>                                         |             |
| Nom du père - Nome del padre                                                                                                                 |                | 13/<br><b>THOMAS WILLIAM DONALD MATTHEW</b>             |             |
| Date de naissance<br>Data di nascita<br>Date of birth                                                                                        | 2 OCTOBER 1915 | Lieu de naissance<br>Lungo di nascita<br>Place of birth | NEW ZEALAND |
| Grade; Unité; No matricule<br>Grado; Arms, Corpo o Servizio; No matricola<br>Rahk; Army, Navy or Air Force; Service number                   |                | MAJOR. ARMY. 1537                                       |             |
| Dernier lieu de séjour<br>Ultima residenza<br>Last residence                                                                                 |                | Campo Concentramento No 5. ITALY. (SERRAVALLE)          |             |
| Adresse de la famille<br>Indirizzo della famiglia<br>Next of kin address                                                                     |                | DEEP CREEK, CANYASTOWN, MARLBOROUGH,<br>NEW ZEALAND.    |             |
| Entré en Suisse le<br>Entrato in Svizzera il<br>Arrived in Switzerland on the                                                                |                | 12 NOVEMBER 1943                                        |             |
| Etat de santé<br>Stato di salute<br>State of health                                                                                          |                | Lieu d'entrée<br>Varco di entrata<br>PALEGNEDRA.        |             |
| Adresse actuelle :<br>Indirizzo attuale :<br>Present address :<br>Camp                                                                       |                | Camp<br>Camp<br>Camp<br>D'INTERNEMENT MILITAIRE         |             |
| S.W.                                                                                                                                         |                | Lieu<br>Luogo<br>Locality<br>WIL, ST. GALLEN            |             |
| Date<br>Data<br>Date                                                                                                                         | 27 JUNE 1944   | Signature<br>Firma<br>Signature<br>T.W. Straker.        |             |

Figure 2

"Now we're through (the station) and she's going lickety split and it (makes) you dizzy to watch the telephone poles. Say to Ted 'she's moving a bit fast isn't she?' Ted says 'if we don't go now, mightn't get another chance.' Fling off into space, hit the ground running, falling forward over embankment, falling forward and smash down in a hedge. Lie doggo expecting the works any moment and watch the carriages flicking past. Now the last with dim forms on the platform, but no shot and no alarms and just a small red light fading in the distance."

Six New Zealand Officers, five from the Army and one from the Air Force, escaped from Gavi, three from the train. All hid in the neighbourhood of Campo 29 at Viano and were sheltered by Italians until it was possible to smuggle them one by one over the Swiss border near Lake Maggiore. By December, the route was impossible with German guards patrolling the border and snow blocking the route.

The card shows Major Straker spent two months with Italians before entering Switzerland on 12th November, 1943. He was interned at Wil, St. Gallen. The front of the card suggests that he was repatriated to New Zealand on 1st August, 1944.

### IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

We now have a new Librarian. This is John Woolfe, who may be contacted by mail at:-

A. J. Woolfe, 31, Emberson Way, North Weald, Essex, CM16 6DL

Copy for *The Kiwi* should still be sent to:-

Allan P. Berry, 24, Irwin Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5PP

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT AT 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1996  
FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1996.

This being my ninth Treasurer's report to the society and as indicated in the report for last year we have endeavoured over the past ten years to balance our Subscription level with the cost of running the society. This year the balance between the two has slipped out of control with a lower Subscription level of £2554-00 against the rising costs up to £3952-08. This has required the society to spend our income from the packet and interest from our investment reserves in order to balance the accounts. The committee recommends to the AGM that the subscription level be increased to £12-00 per annum.

Each year costs have risen in every department. Our meeting rooms at the London Central Club have doubled over the past two years and this year VAT being imposed for the first time. Similar societies meeting in London at other venues are all facing the same problem. With Allan giving up Editing, production and distribution of the Kiwi this year and with no volunteers to take over, we are faced with an unknown quantity to produce the Kiwi for the future and may well have to pay outside help with the labelling and distribution. Several have mentioned it may be an opportune time to update the presentation of the Kiwi with the modern equipment now available, again an additional expense. The ABPS sub is increased this year and threatens to increase further, we shall continue to review this expenditure as we are certainly not getting value for money. Our regional group continues to flourish with a small increase in booking the venue - we could wish London venues were at this level. After the accounts close at 30th September each year we are still faced with paying for the October and January Kiwis, the AGM meeting room and auction costs - all heavier than usual this year before income from subscriptions starts to come in from the New Year. We thus each year have to maintain an adequate reserve for our heaviest expenditure during the course of the year. Our projected income for the coming year will be down once more with interest on accounts, auction and packet accounts.

The financial year is not all doom and gloom as the end of the year balance with our reserve investments still look relatively healthy for the continuance of the society, but we feel the time has come, after maintaining the subscription level for ten years, it is now time for an increase, which we put to a vote at the AGM.

On the Membership front once more we show a decline in our numbers, with twelve resignations, five deceased and twenty one lapsed - 38 losses during the past year against ten new members joining the society. So that we now have 187 United Kingdom and 61 Overseas members. We additionally distribute 14 United Kingdom and 14 Overseas copies of the Kiwi to Libraries, Societies, Honorary Life Members and Museums. The subscription form goes out with the January, 1997, issue of the Kiwi, any subscription unpaid by the March edition will receive a Red Cross on the front of their Kiwi as a reminder of their unpaid subscription. No further reminders will be made and no further Kiwis will be sent out. We have evolved this method over the years to act both as a reminder and a closure for those lapsing their membership.

Ernie Leppard, Hon. Treasurer, 11th November, 1996.

I certify that the statement shown over has been audited and found correct in accordance with the books and papers produced to me.

J.A.W. Smith, FCIB ACIS, FRPSL, Auditor and President.

# **NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN**

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1996

| Cr. Income                                                      | 1996            | 1995            | Dr. Expenditure                                                | 1996            | 1995            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Balances: at 1 Oct 1995</b>                                  |                 |                 | <b>Auction: Payment to vendors and annual auction expenses</b> | 1646.67         | 2432.22         |
| TSB deposit a/c 4774.64                                         |                 |                 |                                                                |                 |                 |
| Nationwide Bldg Soc. 2178.16                                    |                 |                 | <b>Meetings:</b> YWCA 547.20                                   |                 |                 |
| P.O. Option Bonds 2343.31                                       |                 |                 | Regional 145.20                                                |                 |                 |
| TSB Current a/c 642.51                                          | 9938.62         | 8900.61         | Hants. Fed 18.00                                               |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | ABPS Midpex 97 10.00                                           |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 |                                                                | 7240.40         | 554.79          |
| <b>Interest: on accounts</b>                                    | 409.19          | 321.16          |                                                                |                 |                 |
| <b>Packet a/c: received</b>                                     | 1000.00         | 1000.00         | <b>Kiwi Production:</b>                                        |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | Riverprint Ltd. 1687.19                                        |                 |                 |
| <b>Auction: annual receipts</b>                                 |                 |                 | Postage and Expenses 962.01                                    | 2649.20         | 2820.66         |
| (inc. raffle £16.50)                                            | 1821.38         | 2843.24         |                                                                |                 |                 |
| <b>Miscellaneous Income:</b>                                    |                 |                 | <b>Society Expenses:</b>                                       |                 |                 |
| Kiwi Adverts. 10.00                                             |                 |                 | Secretary's Expenses 120.00                                    |                 |                 |
| Donations 9.50                                                  |                 |                 | Competition Expenses 63.00                                     |                 |                 |
| Mailing catalogues 50.00                                        |                 |                 | Medals and Engraving 41.20                                     |                 |                 |
| StampSales 18.71                                                |                 |                 | Office World - Labels etc. 161.94                              |                 |                 |
| Book Sales 48.00                                                | 136.21          | 413.00          | Treasurer's Expenses 58.44                                     | 444.58          | 479.63          |
| <b>Subscriptions: (Includes advance payments for next year)</b> | <u>2554.25</u>  | <u>2747.91</u>  | <b>Subscriptions:</b>                                          |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | A.B.P.S. 106.70                                                |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | P.H.Soc.N.Z. 15.00                                             |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | P.H.Soc.N.Z. 16.20                                             | 137.90          | -----           |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | <b>Balances: c/f to 1st October 1996</b>                       |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | TSB deposit a/c 5997.52                                        |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | Nationwide Bldg Soc. 1460.36                                   |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | P.O. Option Bonds 2447.42                                      |                 |                 |
|                                                                 |                 |                 | TSB current a/c 355.60                                         | 10260.90        | 9938.62         |
|                                                                 | <u>15859.65</u> | <u>16225.92</u> |                                                                | <u>15859.65</u> | <u>16225.92</u> |